

INTERNATIONAL SHIPHOLDING CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 16, 2009

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 16, 2009  
Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported)

Commission file number – 2-63322

INTERNATIONAL SHIPHOLDING CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 36-2989662 (I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number) (State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

11 North Water Street, Suite 18290 Mobile, Alabama 36602  
offices) (Address of principal executive (Zip Code)

(251) 243-9100  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 16, 2009, International Shipholding Corporation issued a press release providing an update regarding the withdrawal of the Liberty offer and other strategic alternatives. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibit

Exhibit Number

Document

99.1 Press Release dated January 16, 2009

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

INTERNATIONAL SHIPHOLDING CORPORATION

/s/ Manuel G. Estrada

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Manuel G. Estrada  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date \_\_\_\_ January 16, 2009